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SUBJ: MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH SECRETARY

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA CALLED ME MONDAY MORNING TO INDICATE HIS GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN BOGOTA. HE SAID THE RESULTS HAD BEEN PRACTICAL AND MODERATE. HE SAID THAT ALL FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD STATED THEY WISHED MEXICO AS THE SITE OF THE NEXT MEETING WHEN THE SECRETARY WOULD BE PRESENT. HE SAID HE HAD ACCEPTED THIS IN SPITE OF CERTAIN DOUBTS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED TO ME REGARDING CUBA. HE SAID THE EIGHT-POINT PROGRAM WHICH HAD EMANATED FROM THE MEETING SEEMED EMINENTLY REASONABLE AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITH THE US, AND HE HAD TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE SECRETARY MIGHT WELL WISH TO ADD CERTAIN ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.

2. RABASA SAID THE NEXT MOVE NOW WAS FOR THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA TO DELIVER THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEETING TO THE SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON WHICH HE HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO. THEREAFTER HE SAID HE WOULD RAPIDLY TURN TO MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING IN MEXICO. HE IMPLIED THIS WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE TASK AND HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEETING ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE DURING THE SECOND HALF OF FEBRUARY WHEN ALL COULD BE PROPERLY PREPARED.

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3. RABASA CONCLUDED THAT THE OUTCOME AT BOGOTA HAD BEEN EXACTLY

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AS HE DESIRED, I.E., A REASONABLE DOCUMENT WHICH COULD FORM THE
BASIS OF A MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.
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